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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Chairman, Interdepartmental
Committee on Internal Security
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yeagley:

Mr. Dulles has referred your letter of 7 December 1956 to me for reply.

With one exception, there are no objections to furnishing Mr. Loyd Wright, Chairman of the Commission on Government Security, with a copy of our letter of 30 May 1955 responding to your questionnaire of 25 March 1955. Item 1(b) of this questionnaire asked for the estimated number of officers or employees who have been delegated authority for original classification of information or material. Our letter informed you of this estimated number. This Agency has, in an unclassified reply to a direct inquiry from the Commission on Government Security, recently furnished Mr. Wright with this information but on a percentage basis of the total number of employees.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the total number of employees of this Agency is classified information. In order to maintain the unclassified nature of our reply to Mr. Wright, it is requested that our answer to paragraph 1(b) of your questionnaire not be released to the Commission on Government Security. This Agency would, of course, have no objection to your explaining to Mr. Wright the reason for this omission.

Sincerely,

Signed

L. K. White
Deputy Director

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